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NEW LIGHT ON THE CASE

Important Testimony in the Cauty Trial Yesterday.

A KNIFE IN RYE'S HAND

James Doyle Relates the Story of the Shooting With Great Exactness—His Testimony Corroborated—Saw Rye Draw a Knife—Street Car Men Testify.

The testimony submitted by the defense yesterday in the Cauty trial was chiefly in relation to the actions of George M. Rye, the man who was killed, before the shooting took place, and the finding of the knife which it is alleged he had in his hand just before he was killed.

So far there have been about seventy-five witnesses examined on either side, but it was not until yesterday that the first positive statements were made as to any street cars being on the corner at the time of the shooting. These statements were made by conductors and motormen in the employ of the Metropolitan road, who said that at the time of the shooting a car going east was standing in front of the Ebbitt House, and that another was just turning the curve going west; that is, north on Fourteenth Street.

Aside from that the only other testimony which threw any new light on the circumstances of the killing was that given by Mr. James Doyle. His attention was attracted to the two men before the shooting took place, and he related the details of the killing with great exactness, both as to the positions and the movements of the principal actors.

The witness was put through a long and searching cross-examination by District Attorney Davis, but his testimony was not shaken. On the whole his evidence may be considered the most favorable to the defense yet presented.

The First Witness.

The first witness called was C. B. Craig, a clerk, who testified: "I was on F Street, going east. I heard a shot and saw the second, third, and fourth shots. I saw a man stagger from the Wyatt corner and fall in the street. I got near the fallen man with the crowd. When the body was lifted it swayed and a knife fell from it; ran my finger over the knife I could tell it if I saw it; the man who was doing the shooting was on the Wyatt Building corner; the man shot at was about four feet from him; he staggered back twelve or fifteen feet before he fell with his head to the Ebbitt House; when he was picked up his right hand was partially under him on his right side; when the body was raised the knife fell." The witness identified the knife in evidence.

On cross-examination by Mr. Davis, the witness said: "Rye began to reel when the second shot was fired; Rye's body lay with head toward Drew's drug store; I was standing at his right side near his feet; when I got there there was nobody holding Rye; I did not see Dr. Drew. I did not hear any one say 'take him to the drug store'; the man who picked up the knife was standing on my right; the knife fell from between Rye's knee and hip." When the witness was asked to illustrate how the knife was picked up, he found that the boy who picked it up was actually on his left instead of his right side.

Continuing, the witness said: "Policeman Riley came to the store of Johnson & Luttrell on the day after the shooting to see me. I gave some one my name at the time of the shooting. I don't remember who told me to go to Mr. Worthington or at what time I went or how long after the shooting."

On redirect examination the witness said he told Mr. Miller of the shooting immediately after it occurred, but he could not locate him in any way further than that he was a clerk.

Heard Rye Make Threats.

The next witness was James Doyle, a Government clerk, who said: "I was in the vicinity of the shooting. I was returning from Tenth Street along F Street. I got as far as the Ebbitt House and crossed over diagonally to the Wyatt Building. As I got to the curb I saw two men talking. I heard the tall man (Cauty) say 'you owe me \$200,' and the short man (Rye) replied: 'You're a God—how did you say that again I'll cut you.' Here the witness said the value stopped.

"Then he heard the shooting. I went to where the man fell, and I heard some one say here's his knife." Continuing, the witness said: "The men were about three feet apart and facing each other when the shooting took place. The tall man seemed quiet and the short man looked mad as hell. I told the Police- man who arrested Cauty that I saw the man. He told me to go to the station, but I did not know where it was. On the afternoon of the shooting I went to the Third precinct and told Riley. Boyle about it. I think Policeman Riley also came to see me about it."

On cross-examination by Mr. Davis the witness stated that there was no one standing near the two men when he got up on the pavement at the Wyatt Building corner.

Norman Van Nostran testified that on the day of the shooting he was going toward F Street on Fourteenth Street; when he reached there the shooting was over; a young man handed one of the policemen a knife and some one remarked: "You better shut that knife or some one will get cut."

Something in Rye's Hand.

George F. Coehner, a quarryman, testified: I did not know Rye or Cauty; on the day of the shooting I was walking east on F Street toward Fourteenth Street; I had been to the Treasury; when I was in front of the building west of the Wyatt Building I heard a shot; three minutes followed after the second shot Rye started diagonally across to the Ebbitt House corner; he had his left hand up in front of his head; he went about nine feet before he dropped; when I heard

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On cross examination by Mr. Shilling-ton the witness said he went to the Treasury Building to get a book; saw a Mr. Chance there that day; I don't remember the number of the room. The book which the witness got was exhibited and was a copy of the Congressional Directory. The witness then said: "When I saw Cauty after the first shot he was standing somewhere near the sewer plate at the Wyatt Building corner; the man who was shot was standing in the street on the concrete; I did not see the second shot fired; Rye did not start to retreat until at the firing of the third shot; there was no appreciable difference of time between the first and second shots; the interval was between the second and third shots; I heard some one cry 'murder;' after the shooting Rye staggered back about fifteen feet and fell; just after the shooting I drew a diagram of the place; I did not see Cauty put his pistol in his pocket, but he told me he had; I saw something in Rye's hand when the second shot was fired; what he had in his hand fell before he died; I saw it leave his hand; I was at Cauty's side when the officer came up it was eight or nine minutes before Riley came; I went with Riley and Cauty over to the Ebbitt House corner; I think Mr. Walker spoke to me first; he was an entire stranger to me; I never saw him before; we exchanged cards. Two cards were introduced, both the witness', but the name of Captain Walker was written on one of them. On the other was some data relative to the shooting, which the witness said was made at the time of the shooting and marked 12:18 o'clock. The first person to reach Rye, the witness said, was a colored man. The witness said he made the data to protect himself because he knew he would be called to testify.

Capt. Walker's Testimony.

Capt. John P. Walker, retired Army officer, said: I do not know Cauty personally; never saw Rye; at the time of the shooting I was on north side of F, east side of Fourteenth, waiting for a car; while there I heard a pistol shot fired by the Wyatt Building; looked and saw Cauty there with a pistol in his hand; saw the crowd rushing all ways; heard loud laughter; then saw a man coming from the corner staggering toward Ebbitt House; I ran to him; saw he was dead; I then looked for the man who did the shooting; saw him walking away, and said 'arrest him;' some time after I had some conversation with a man I did not know; I did not see the man who was shot till after the shooting was over; he was about five or six feet from the curb when I saw him; he was rather facing me. Nothing new was elicited on the cross-examination.

James J. Sweeney, a telegrapher, was called and said: I do not know either Cauty or Rye; I was in the Wyatt Building, going to the elevator; I heard a shot and looked around; when the firing was over Mr. Cauty walked away; when I saw Rye when the last shot was fired; he was nearly in the middle of the street; when he fell he was to the left of Cauty who was near the lamp post on the northwest corner of F and Fourteenth; the man who was walking with the boy who had the knife, said: "Don't close it."

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